

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

WEI QUAN WU and DA BIAO WU,

Defendants.

CASE NO. CR20-0173-JCC

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the Government's unopposed motion for entry of a protective order restraining certain forfeitable property (Dkt. No. 40). Having thoroughly considered the motion and the relevant record, the Court hereby GRANTS the motion.

The Government seeks to restrain the following property, seized on or about October 21, 2020:

- a. \$314,320 in United States currency seized from Defendant Wei Quan Wu's residence, 12442 64th Avenue S., Seattle, Washington; and
- b. \$114,968 in United States currency seized from Defendant Da Biao Wu's residence, 3813 South Sullivan Street, Seattle, Washington.

The Court, having reviewed the papers and pleadings filed in this matter, including the Government's motion and the supporting declaration of United States Postal Inspector France Bega, hereby FINDS entry of a protective order restraining the above-identified property (hereafter, the "Subject Currency") is appropriate because:

- The United States gave notice of its intent to pursue forfeiture in the Indictment (Dkt. No. 1) and specifically identified the Subject Currency for forfeiture in its Second Forfeiture Bill of Particulars (Dkt. No. 39);
- Based on the facts set forth in Postal Inspector Bega's declaration, there is probable cause to believe the Subject Currency is subject to forfeiture in this case; and
- To ensure the Subject Currency remains available for forfeiture, its continued restraint, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(e)(1), is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The Government's motion for a protective order restraining the Subject Currency pending the conclusion of this case (Dkt. No. 40) is GRANTED; and

2. The Subject Currency shall remain in the custody of the United States and/or its authorized agents or representatives, pending the conclusion of criminal forfeiture proceedings and/or further order of this Court.

DATED this 6th day of July 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Coughenour", is written over a horizontal line.

John C. Coughenour
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE